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SUBJECT: UNESCO CONFERENCE, SAN JOSE JULY 12-21

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1. COSTA RICAN DELEGATION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE
HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO. OTHER KEY
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE MINISTER OF CULTURE GUIDO SAENZ,
VICE MINISTER OF EDUCATION SOTO, AND PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISER FOURNIER. FACIO IS CONSIDERING NAMING
LOCAL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COSTA RICAN DELEGATION.

2. AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE FACIO MADE THE FOLLOWING
POINTS RE CONFERENCE AND GOCR VIEWS ABOUT MEDIA:

--COSTA RICA OPPOSES STATE CONTROL OF THE MEDIA.

--UNESCO CONFERENCE IS A MEETING OF GOVERNMENTS.
EXTREMIST POSITIONS WOULD BE SUPPORTED ONLY BY GOVERNMENTS
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ALREADY SO INCLINED.

--ONLY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS COULD FORMULATE
POSITIONS SUPPORTING A NATIONALIZED PRESS.

--THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION HAS NEVER BEEN A PARAGON OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS; IT ONLY REPRESENTS THE FREEDOM OF PUBLISHERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES.

RUEM EMBOFF PRESENTED POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY JUNE 30. AFTER HEARING USG VIEWS, OFFICIAL VERIFIED PRESS ACCOUNTS FACIO'S REMARKS. OFFICIAL OPINED THAT WHILE ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED NO RESOLUTION WILL BE ADOPTED AND NOTED THAT GOCR WILL NOT CHANGE ITS TRADITIONAL VIEWS AND POLICY RE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS REGARDLESS OF CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS.

4. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT CARIARI HOTEL. DELEGATES WILL BE HOUSED AT THE CARIARI AND NEARBY HERRADURA INN. JOURNALISTS COVERING CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY BE HOUSED AT HOTELS IRAZU AND TORREIFWMLXM SPECIAL COMMITTEE HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEWSMEN HEADED BY FERNANDO JARQUIN, MINISTRY OF PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE JARQUIN'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (21-08-81) AS CONTACT POINT TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

5. UNESCO, NOT GOCR, COMPILING LIST OF DELEGATES, THUS GOCR NOT FULLY INFORMED WHO ATTENDING. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT A LARGE CUBAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IS EXPECTED. VISAS FOR SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CUBAN JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. UNESCO HAS INFORMED GOCR VARIOUS (UNNAMED) EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO OBSERVE CONFERENCE AND WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES.

6. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INQUIRED RE COMPOSITION OF U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION. AS AMBASSADOR INDICATED DURING RECENT CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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